

Applicant:

Liang Chen et al.

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Surfactant Containing Insulation Binder

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SUPPLEMENTAL COMMUNICATION Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56

Sir,

This Supplemental Communication is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 to bring information, which may be relevant to patentability of Application Serial No. 09/871,467, to the attention of the Examiner.

Owens Corning, the assignee of Application No. 09/871,467, has been involved in a dispute with Rohm & Haas as to the proper inventorship of this application. Owens Corning has filed the Application naming three inventors: Liang Chen, Jay W. Hinze, and William G. Hager.

Upon information and belief, Rohm & Haas filed U.S. Application Serial No. 10/715,087 as a continuation of Application No. 09/871,467 listing Dobrawlski as an inventor. It is unclear whether any Owens Corning inventors have been named as

inventors. In view of 37 C.F.R. § 1.78, it is also unclear how, if none of the inventors of Application No. 09/871,467 are named, Rohm & Haas can properly claim priority.

Owens Corning, in accordance with its duty under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, submits the attached letter from Rohm & Haas which has information which may be material to the patentability of Application No. 09/871,467. Owens Corning takes no position as to the merit of the arguments made or as to the prior art effect of the document.

Some portions of the attached, which relate to settlement of this matter, have been redacted. If the Examiner believes that the redacted portions may be relevant to patentability, she is requested to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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